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***Raised Bill No. 1159***

LCO No. 5067

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PRISON POPULATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) For the purposes of this  
2       section, "prisoner population of the correctional system" means the  
3       number of inmates residing in the correctional system, and "prisoner  
4       capacity of the correctional system" means the total prisoner capacity  
5       of all correctional facilities as individually set forth in subsection (b) of  
6       this section.

7       (b) The prisoner capacity of each correctional facility in this state  
8       shall be as follows:

9       (1) Bergin Correctional Institution, 962;

10      (2) Bridgeport Correctional Center, 1040;

11      (3) Brooklyn Correctional Institution, 456;

12      (4) Cheshire Correctional Institution, 1,456;

13      (5) Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center, 1,489;

- 14 (6) Enfield Correctional Institution, 724;  
15 (7) Garner Correctional Institution, 748;  
16 (8) Gates Correctional Institution, 1,139;  
17 (9) Hartford Correctional Center, 984;  
18 (10) MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution, 2,131;  
19 (11) Manson Youth Institution, 719;  
20 (12) New Haven Correctional Center, 767;  
21 (13) Northern Correctional Institution, 586;  
22 (14) Osborn Correctional Institution, 2,094;  
23 (15) Robinson Correctional Institution, 1,549;  
24 (16) Webster Correctional Institution, 584;  
25 (17) Willard/Cybulski Correctional Institution, 1,104; and  
26 (18) York Correctional Institution, 1,553.

27 (c) Whenever the prisoner population of the correctional system  
28 equals or exceeds one hundred ten per cent of the prisoner capacity of  
29 the correctional system for thirty consecutive days, the Commissioner  
30 of Correction shall notify the undersecretary of the Criminal Justice  
31 Policy and Planning Division within the Office of Policy and  
32 Management and the undersecretary shall convene a meeting of the  
33 Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission not later than thirty  
34 days after such notification.

35 (d) Not later than thirty days after such meeting, the commission  
36 shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
37 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on  
38 judiciary setting forth the community resources that would be required

39 by the Department of Correction, the Board of Pardons and Paroles  
40 and the Court Support Services Division to enable the release and  
41 adequate community supervision of a sufficient number of nonviolent  
42 offenders to reduce the prisoner population of the correctional system  
43 to the prisoner capacity of the correctional system.

44 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the release  
45 of any prisoner from confinement in a correctional facility who is not  
46 otherwise eligible to be released.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2009	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission to report to the General Assembly whenever the prisoner population of the correctional system equals or exceeds one hundred ten per cent of the prisoner capacity of the correctional system for thirty consecutive days.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*